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COUNTRY East Germany

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SUBJECT Construction of the Soviet
Embassy in East Berlin

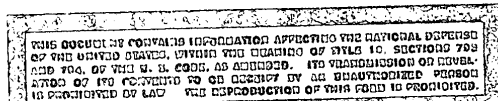
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1. A supervisor working on the construction of the new Soviet Embassy building, located at the intersection of Schadowstrasse and Mittelstrasse in East Berlin, has stated that the structure, a former office building which has been completely rebuilt to Soviet specifications, would be completed on 15 September 1954. The former deadline of 15 August had to be extended because of the inability of the participating firms to finish the work on time.
2. The foreman and workers on the building refer to the job as "the Embassy guest house". They believe that delegations and important personages will be housed in the structure and base their belief on the fact that extra bathrooms have been installed on all three floors of the building and that a barber shop is being installed on the ground floor.
3. The construction is handled by East German officials who collaborate with Soviet officers and civilians in pushing the work to completion as quickly as possible. The man in charge of the construction is an official of the East Berlin city administration, Oberbauleiter Schallow (fmu), who has offices in the Berolina Hochhaus, East Berlin, Alexanderplatz, Room 215/216.
4. The general supervision of the project is in the hands of Kaltwasser (fmu) and Huebner (fmu), both of whom spend most of their time at the site of the construction. A small room on the first floor, facing Mittelstrasse, has been fixed up as a temporary construction office. A large photostated blueprint of the construction layout, giving woodworking, electrical and plumbing details, is fixed to the wall of the room in which Kaltwasser and Huebner have their desks.
5. The following firms are engaged in the reconstruction of the Soviet installation:

Construction Administration: Aufbaustab Berlin Mitte, Berolina
Hochhaus, Room 215/216.

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VEB Aufbau

Masonry work, address unknown.

VEB Nebengewerke

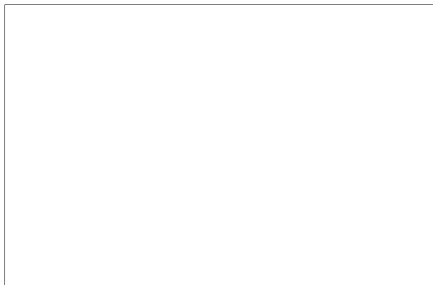
Roof construction, tile work. Berlin-Karlshorst, Blockdammerweg 1.

Gromas Treuhand

Masonry work, address unknown.

VEB Rohrleitungsbau

Plumbing, hot water heating system, address unknown.



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